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THE FOUNDATION AND Rise of many of the Practises, Customs, and Formallities of the *Priests*, *Lawyers*, and *People* of *England* Examined, and found to be from the *Pope* and his Authority.

IN SOME

QUERIES

TO THE

Priests, *Lawyers*, and *Professors*, for any of them to

ANSWER;

In Order to the Purging of themselves (if they can) from being truly adjudged the Practisers and Upholders of the *Popes* Superstitions, Innovations, Institutions, and Imposings, since the time (and against the Practises) of the Apostles, and pure Primitive Church.

By a Member of the true Church that is in God, in whose Name and behalf this is Printed, By me

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TO ALL THE *Prieſts*, and *Profeſſors*, and *Lawyers* IN ENGLAND:

Anſwer us theſe *Queries* in Writing, or Print.

Querie 1.

WHether or no you are not Levened with the old way of Popery? And whether or no you have not the old Leven of Popery amongſt you ſecretly in your hearts, and under your skirts and garments? Come to plainneſs without any evaſions.

Querie 2. Do not you call all your Courts in the Names of the Dayes given from the Pope, and your Terms, as *Hillary Term*, *Eaſter Term*, *Trinity Term*, *Michaelmas Term*? And do not you require all men to appear in your Courts, by the Names of your Saint Dayes, as eight dayes after St. *Hillary*, fifteen dayes after St. *Hillary*, eight dayes after the *Purification*, and at ſo many dayes after *Eaſter*, the morrow of the *Aſcention day*, the morrow of

Trinity, and so many dayes after *Trinity*, and so many dayes after St. *Michael*, the morrow of *All Souls*, the morrow of St. *Martin*, and the like? And are not all these Reliques of Popery, lodging in your bosome, and shewing you have not the wit nor wisdom, ye Lawyers, and Judges, and Priests, and Teachers beyond the Papists and Pope, to call your people to your Courts but in the Names of the dayes that the Pope has given, now how are ye in the supream above the Pope, how do you deny the Pope here, and renounce Popery here, or how do you renounce his supream power when these things are amongst you in your Authority, in your Courts; Now if you say ye cannot, or know not how to call your people to your Courts in any other Name than the Pope has given to the dayes, then he is your School Master, then he is your Teacher, and you have not found another Teacher yet, then the Pope is head yet, to teach you, of Priests, Lawyers, and Judges, to teach you to give Names to your dayes, by which ye know the dayes, and the people come to know that they must Answer on them at your Courts; now if you say this is not Popery, the naming of these dayes by the Saints names, and appearing such a Saint day, and calling your Terms and Courts by such dayes, and then people to answer at the Term after such a Saint day; of whom learned you it but of the Pope? And was not he the Author of it, did Christ or his Apostles teach you such a Doctrine, or are you taught out of the Scriptures such a Doctrine? Now if you have not the wisdom to give Names to your days, Lawyers, Teachers, and Judges, and Magistrates without the Popes help, but be fain to call your dayes by the same names as the Pope gave, how do not you feel his Superstitions amongst you, does not his power stand up, how is his Image slain, are not those his Marks amongst you of his Leven; were these Names of Saints amongst the Apostles before their decease, or come up since their decease? Come, if you will have Popery renounced amongst you root and branch, and reliques, and the leven, and his marks, and his image, and his power, and his authority, root out all that he set up, root it out.

Querie 3. Who gave Names to all your Steeple-houses, and called them Churches? Were they not Papists Houses, and their Names given to them by the Pope, and his authority, and power,

power, as St. *Maries*, St. *Peters*, St. *Pauls*, and were these Steeple-houses ever St. *Pauls*, St. *Peters*, St. *Maries*, St. *Margarats*, *&c.* Now has not the Popes power a high degree amongst you yet, and has the Priests, Lawyers, Judges, ever yet manifested a wisdom, an nnderstanding or knowledge beyond the Popes, to teach the people, not to call their houses by the Popes Names that he has given to them, and not to call the dayes by the Popes Names that he has given to them, as Saints dayes, St. *Luke*, St. *John*, St. *Matthew*, St. *Mark*, St. *Peter*, and *Christmass*, and *Easter*, and *Whitsontide*; where did ever any of the Apostles or Saints before their discease name their dayes after this manner, or teach the people to do so, or Christ either; but what has been since the dayes of the Apostles in the Apostacy, and how are you come out of the Apostacy, or to deny the Popes teachings, though you may do it in words outwardly, yet its his wisdom and knowledge, that has given Names to your dayes, and to your Churches as you call them, which are made use of by you, and not anothers, as is plainly declared by your fruits on the house top; Now how can you say you are not Popishly affected, when all these Dreggs are amongst you, lyes in the Barrel unpurged out.

Querie 4. Are not all your Acts and Lawes given forth and made in the Name of such a day, as *Munday*, and *Tuesday*, and *Wednesday*, and *Thursday*, and *Friday*, and *Satterday*; And such a Month, as *January*, and *February*, and *March*, and *April*, and *May*, and *June*, and *July*, and *August*; has not all these things been learned of the Heathen and Papists: the Papists who apostated from the truth, and the Heathen who worshiped the Sun and Moon and Stars, and shew that they have been your teachers, their wisdom has taught you to name your Dayes, and your Months, and that you have not a wisdom beyond their wisdom to teach the people the contrary, and does not this shew that you are apostated from the true Christians, and the true Jewes, who called the Dayes, the *First day*, and *Second day*, and *Third day*, and so to the *Seventh day*: and *First month*, *Second month*, *Third month*, and so to the *Twelfth month*: And are not you that call your Months by the Names that the Heathen gave, and call your Dayes by the

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702 Names of Saints, that the Papists gave them, and by the names that the Heathen gave them, as *Suns day*, and *Moons day*, that worshiped the *Sun*, and called it the *Suns day*, that worshiped the *Moon* and called it the *Moons day*, that worshiped *Saturn*, and called it *Saturns day*, and the rest, as your *Almanacks* declare, form'd amongst the Papists and Heathen, is not here Heathenism & Popery, and Idolatry, both going together, and Heathenism and Popery, and you found amongst them, and they amongst you, out of the true Jewes life and language, and of the true Christians.

Querie 5. And has not many of your biggest sort of Bibles called Church Bibles, crosses in them standing at the verses ends, so full of lying signs, and while those are standing how have you blotted out Popery, and the Popes image, and mark, and sign; and how is it that so many Crosses yet stand upon the Steeple-house ends in many parts of the Nation, and in high Wayes, and Market-places, and pictures in the Windows and Images, if Popery be cast out and renounced amongst you: behold all people as ye passe up and down, and take notice of all the Steeple-houses in *England*, and high Wayes, and see if there be not upon many of them a Cross; now how is it you say, that you have renounced Popery, and the Popes mark, the Popes image, and the Popes sign stands up upon the house top yet, and calling up the people in the Names of the Saints days to Terms and Courts, and calling the names of your Churches by the Saints Names yet, how is the Popes power killed here and his image thrown down, when the Cross stands upon the end of the Steeple-house, and the pictures in the Windows, and the Steeple-house called by the name of Saints, and the holy Bell, the *Saints Bell* rings, *Ting*, *ting*, as you may hear up and down in *London* and many places; was not all this done by the Popes teaching and the Popes wisdom, and the Popes power, which he calls supream, and your Priests yet standing up in them and not crying against them, how have you here renounced Popery?

Querie 6. Was not all your sprinkling Infants from the Pope? Did it not first rise from him? Was not all your tythes, temples, steeple-houses, chappels first set up by the Pope, and by him called Churches, there is a Cross on the end of them,

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which is a sign who set them up, not yet thrown down; is not this a sign of abundance of Idolatry, and Popery, and popish affection that is amongst people of the Nation yet, while Tythes, and Temple, and Pulpit, and Priests, and Crosses, St. *Peters*, St. *Maries*, St. *Pauls* houses stands up, and calling people to appear such a day by such a Saints Name, is not all this set up by Pope and Papists? And has not Popery a great authority while these things are standing, and his Name great amongst people, and his image not spoiled? And have not you his mark in your hand, while you have your Names to your dayes as he gave, and your Names to your Churches as he gave, and the Cross on the end of your Churches which he set up, and do not you call them by the same Name that he gave both your Dayes and your Churches, and so how do not you here stand in the Popes power, how do you renounce it, when you have his image, his mark, his names yet amongst you? Are not these the Popes images, marks, and names, Saints dayes, holy dayes, which ye gave forth your Summons to appear at *Easter*, such a Saints day, and call your Houses by the Names that the Pope gave, and Crosses, are not these his Marks and Images, which are not yet down and spoyl'd?

Querie 7. From whence came all your Parishes, and who was the setter of them up, and the builders of your Steeple-houses, and setting them East and West, and setting the Porches and Chancels, and the Body of the House, what was the pattern, the Temple and *Jewes* Synagogues, and who was the imitator of all this, if not the Pope, and done by his power, and Hallowed, and Consecrated by it, and so do not they call it Holy Ground ever since, and so is not that the place where neither Priest nor Curate might or may be spoke to, though one be moved of the Lord, without imprisonment, and has it not been the Pope and his power that has quenched the Spirit?

Querie 8. And how came up all your Churching of Women, and who has had the Marrying of people, and from whence had the Priests that power, if not from the Pope at the first, for does not their Priests Marry, and is not all your Tythes, Pulpits, Temples, Priests, set up by the Popes power and authority, which have the pictures, the crosses at the end of them, and has not all these been set up since the dayes of

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the Apostles in the Apostacy, and all to be judged and condemned with the Popes power, with the Popes authority?

Querie 9. And is not all your making Ministers by the will of man by Schools and Colledges, as ye pretend for Christ, as the Papists makes them by Schools and Colledges, and did not the Pope set up your Colledges and gave them their names, of *Christs Colledge*, St *Johns Colledge*, *Trinity Colledge*, *Imanuel Colledge*, *Jesus Colledge*, *All Souls Colledge*, *Magdalen Colledge*, *&c.* And have not you been beholden to the Pope for his wisdom, and has not he been your Teacher in all these things, and when did you renounce his Doctrine and his Teaching in all these things, and throw it out of the Nation, and does not his Doctrine stand here amongst you for a memorial, and was not all this Teaching from him that gave your Names to your Colledges, to your Steeple-houses, to your Dayes, and is not the stink of Popery amongst you while all these Names and Images are so frequent amongst you, spoke up and down your streets, and how can the Papists and Jesuits but laugh at you when ye deny them in words, yet embrace their Doctrine, Practice, and Superstitions, was not this the Popes Doctrine to give these Names to your Houses and Colledges, as St. *Peters*, *Trinities*, *Johns*, *Pauls*, and as yet calling your Dayes by the Saints Names, if you say nay, then declare by Scripture where the Apostles gave any such Names to Dayes, set up Colledges, gave any such Names to them, as *Trinity*, *Peters*, *Johns*, or set up any such Houses with Bells in them, and a Pulpit, and a Glass, does not the Papists say their Mass by the Hour-glass? Do not you read your Sermons written in your Papers by the Glasse, or speak what you can remember of the Scriptures, or the old Fathers Exposition of them by the Glasse, and does not this savour of Popery, and now how can you take the Oath of Abjuration amongst you to swear against all Popery, and swear to deny all Popery, and Crosses stands upon your Steeple-houses ends, the Papish-house ends, and you call your Steeple-houses by Popish names given to them, and you call your Colledges by Popish names, and you call your Dayes by Popish names, your Months and Week-dayes by Popish and Heathen names, which shews the Popes Doctrine is not denyed, and here is the

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Popes Leven amongst set up, which I say to all people beware of it, which has got up since the dayes of the *Apostles*.

Query 10. And have you not had all your degrees, orders, as Bachelers of Arts, Masters of Arts, Batchelers of Divinity, Doctors of Divinity, Doctors of Physick, Doctors of Laws; was not the Pope the first letter up of this, and the allower and giver of the Maintenance to maintain this by his power, and then gave to the Colledges the names of the Saints. Now come and see all if you can stand on your own Leggs, without the Popes Doctrine, without the *Popes* Orders, without the *Popes* Teaching, without the *Popes* Wisdom, without the *Popes* Instructions, and if you can give Names to your Houses without the *Popes* counsel, give names to your called Churches without the *Popes* counsel, and give names to your Dayes without him; was not he the first that called them Churches, and holy Houses; come let us see how you can stand now and throw the *Popes* counsel aside, the *Popes* Doctrine, the *Popes* wisdom; come ye that be of your Colledges, and Priests, and Lawyers, and Judges; let us see how you can name your dayes, and your months, not as the *Pope* and the Heathen do: see how you can name them; let us see if you have a wisdom beyond their wisdom, and how you can have your dayes, and months, and not as the Heathen, not as the *Pope* and his counsel; let us see how you can stand on your own leggs without the *Popes* help, and Heathens help and authority; what are not ye able to give Names to your Dayes, to your Months, to your Colledges, to the Houses that the Papists set up: but call your Dayes, your Houses, your Colledges by the Names that the Papists gave them, and your names as the Heathen did? O what is your ignorance? Were the Apostles seven years at a School, before they went and preached Christ: oh abominable! and were not the Papists the first beginners of this? and was not all this in the Apostacy since the Apostles? and must the Spirit be quenched in others that have not served the Apprentiship? and is not this like another Trade, that till I have served seven years, I may not set up, there was a Law to the contrary, and has not this Law been among the Priests, that none shall speak in their Steeple-houses, or Pulpits, or speak to them without a prison?

and does not all this smell and taste of the *Pope*; who had a Law that none should speak to the Priests, but it was called Disturbance: as witness Queen *Mary* one of the arms of his Tree where he least sheltred under; and has not all his limiting the holy One, quenching the Spirit, been since the dayes of the Apostles amongst the apostates from the true Church, who said, if any thing be revealed to another that sits by, let the first hold his peace,; you may all prophesie one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted, for God was not the author of confusion, but of peace: and this was in all the Churches of the Saints. Now is not this confusion amongst you and your Teachers, to bid him hold his tongue, there is something revealed to another that sits by, and shews that all your Church be in the apostacy from the Apostles Doctrine; and you be all them that be gone from the Spirit, that the Apostles and Saints were in that gave forth the Scripture, but only have the Sheeps cloathing, the outside, and has not that covered the Woolvish spirit in you? has not the Fruits in this Age declared it? did ever any of the Apostles before their decease, or the Churches, make such work amongst the people for Tythes as you do in your Parishes, which is this day one of the greatest things in the Nation, that you are suing, haling the people (before Courts, Justices, Benches for Maintenance, whom you are not able to resist in the spirit, with all your Logick, Learning, who have been seven years at your Trade, at your Schools, that a company of innocent people, which many of them cannot read letters should confound all your wisdom, which before them is not able to stand; wonder and be ashamed, and confess that the Spirit which gave forth the Scriptures, is again made manifest.

Query 11. When Queen *Mary* had set up Popery in the Nation; was there not many of the people then in those daies which cryed against popery, and cryed against the popish Priests, and went into the popish houses, the Steeple-houses; then did not she make a Law and a Decree, that whosoever did disturb Priest or Curate in the Church, or Church-yard, preaching, singing, or giving the Mass, defacing or marring a *Cross* in the Church, or Church-yard, he should be imprisoned three months: and was not it called maliciously, and wittingly

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tingly done, that came to mar their Crosses then, and cry against their Priests then; and was not he called a disturber that would have marred their Crosses, or broken their Pictures out of the windows, or spoke to the Priest in that they call their Church, or Church-yard? and did not many of them suffer imprisonment, and some of them Martyrs? and has not the priests of our Age been by the same Law guarded, that has the popish House, and their Church as they call it, and Church-yard, and Cross on the end of it, and pictures in the windows of it; and if any did speak to the Priest in the Popish house that they call the Church, he was to suffer by the same Law as a malicious disturber; Now how has our Priests here of the Nation renounced Popery when they had their Law to guard them, and cry the others did well in the dayes of Queen *Mary*, that cryed against Popery who suffered by the Law; and they do ill now who suffer by the same Law, because they cry against them that are guarded with it, which many of the Martyrs suffered by; and they used the same Weapons against such as the Lord God moved to cry against them, Popery, and Papists, and Queen *Maries* Law, and the popish House and Cross on the end of it, and the Priests that uphold it, and the Colledges by which they were made which were named of the *Pope*, and the dayes which are named after the Saints, and yet these which are covered with popery, their Houses, their Names, their Maintenance, their Tythes, their Garments smell with it, and have been guarded by the Papists Law, such as they know cannot swear at all, but declare against them, and the Papists also, to such they put the Oath of Abjuration, to such as they know cannot swear who are true Christians, out of the apostacy in the Doctrine of Christ and the Apostles before the Papists were, who set their foot upon all the Papists upon the earth, and their Likenesses, and Images, and Crosses, and Crucifixes, and all the train of it, head and tail they trample under foot, bred or born; was not the *Pope* the first setter up that people should teach for handfuls of Barley, and shocks of Corn and Pease, and Wool, and their Easter-Reckonings, and Midsomer dues; was not the *Pope* the first ordainer of this? Come Priests, and Lawyers, and Judges, how smells your Garments of popery in all these things? where are your

708 free Gospel-teachers, when your Priests and Teachers are quarrelling with people for reek-pennies, and plow-pennies, and money for gardens, bees, foals, milk, eggs, hemp and flax, and apples, and plums; now does not all hear your Garments stink of popery? was not the *Pope* the first rise of all this, who ravened from the Spirit since the Apostles? where is your freely-received freely give; is the gift of God to be sold for money, to be compared, or equalled, or measured with earthly things? oh ye are in the gall of bitterness; did ever any Minister of Christ quarrel for outward things, and cast people into prison till they dye, as the Priests of this Nation do keep people in prison because they will not give them maintenance, keep some in prison till they die, oh abominable, make all your Names stink through all Nations; are not your Priests and Ministers of the Nation, National Priests that puts in prison those that cannot pay you Tythes, and put in your mouths, and you will keep them in prison till they die, as some of you have done, who have kept in the prison till they die; are not you here as bad or worse than the *Spanish*, for do they in *Spaine* keep any in prison till they die? do they keep them in prison because they cannot give them maintenance, or because they cannot bow to their Worships? Now you that cast people into prison because they cannot pay you your Tythes, and will not let them come out till they die, how or wherein do you differ from the Papists Inquisition; and how, and who was the first author of this? did Christ send you forth to do so, and this work; or the Apostles give you a command to do so? nay you will cast them in prison, and put them in prison, and take trebble damage of them, or three or four times the value, for whom you do no work, and are not Ministers too; does the Papists so; and cast them into prison till death, what is this but like a *Spanish Inquisition*, and the smell of popery, and not the smell of a Christian; are not you in this from Christ, and the Apostle apostated, nay is it not worse than a *Spanish Inquisition*, for there they are carried before a Court, and have a tryal and judgement; but here the *Priests* can send to the Lawyers for a Writ, and by that the Magistrate will take their bodies, and put them in prison, and there keep them without either hearing, trial, or judgement, weeks, months, and years, yea till they die in prison.

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Querie 12. Who made the Priests and your Ministers, did not the Bishops? And who made the Bishops, did not the Pope and Cardinals? And so has not the Pope been the Channel that you all came out at in the Apostacy; and is not he the Key and the Door you all came through, which all these Tyths, Temples, Priests, making of Priests, Colledges, Names after the Saints to dayes, to your houses, has run through his Channel and opened with his Key, the *Popes* Key, and set up by his authority: Now if you do say and argue that the *Pope*, though he was in error, might make Ministers, and you do succeed from the Apostles, with whom Christ said he would be to the end of the world through him: I say no, you cannot succeed from the Apostles through him, for he being Apostated inwardly, ravened from the Spirit of Christ, and gone from the Apostles, and got the Sheeps cloathing, that is the outside, but inwardly a ravening Wolf, that is ravened over most part of Nations; and he having inwardly ravened, gone from the Apostles, having got the Sheeps cloathing, Christs and the Prophets, and Apostles words, the outside from him, in this you are Successors, as your fruits have declared, who has the outside as he has the Sheeps cloathing, but inwardly ravening Wolves, ravening up and down for your prey, and would destroy such as cannot put into your mouths, and are contrary minded to you, and give you Maintenance, and give you Tyths, which neither you nor the Pope are the Successors of the Apostles whom he would be with to the end of the world, for such Christ said should come, *that if it was possible should deceive the very Elect*, in the 7. and 24. of *Matthew*; which *Paul*, *Peter*, and *Jude*, saw was come and coming, and *John* saw already in the world, and went forth from them, so *Mark*, went forth from the Apostles, so not Successors, such as had the Sheeps cloathing, which all that dwelt upon the earth went after, and all Nations came to drink the cup of Fornication; which should make war against the Saints, and overcome them, them that kept the testimony of Jesus, the spirit of Prophesie, them that ravened from the Spirit, which all the world went after, and them that dwelt upon the earth worshiped, and here came up the first Beast, and second Beast, and all his Names and Heads, and Horns, which all that dwelt upon the earth

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wandered after; and the cry has been, who is able to make war with him; so these that inwardly reigned, whored, went forth from the Apostles with all that dwelt upon the earth, went after, and all Nations drunk the cup of Fornication, the Kings of the earth, these preached not the Gospel, though they had the Sheepsclothing, which were ravened from the life; these were the deceivers of the World, and the Nations. And again, the beast and false prophets should be taken, and the downfal of *Babylon*, and the great Whore judged, and the Saints and the Lamb get the victory, and the everlasting Gospel come to be preached to them that dwell upon the earth again, for all that dwell upon the earth had worshipped the beast, and drunk the cup of Fornication, the Whores cup, which Christ said should come, which inwardly ravened, which has had the Sheeps clothing; these has not been the successors of the Apostles which went forth from them, that is clearly seen, which all Nations of the world went after, and drunk their cup; and so I challenge you all to answer, and declare against you all to be the *Popes* successors, and whether or no you and they be not of the stock which Christ said should come inwardly ravening, got the Sheeps cloathing, which went forth from the Apostles, which all Nations came to drink their cup; and so whether or no amongst you, are not all the names, heads, and horns one pushing against another? and whether or no you are not all wrastlers against flesh, and blood and creatures, you are striking them, and beating them, and prisoning them for your bellies, yea to death? did ever the Apostles do as you do? prison men, hale men before Courts, Sessions, Assizes, prison them to death for their bellies as you do; are not you here of them which serve not the Lord Jesus Christ, but their own bellies, which the Apostle saw amongst the apostates; do not you prison them, and prison to death for Tythes, witness the prisons through the Nation; are you the Apostles successors, which coveted no mans silver, nor gold, nor apparel, but gave freely; do you walk in the Sheeps steps, the Apostles steps that Christ saies to, freely ye have received, freely give. Now I say, you are the *Popes* successors, have not you Tythes as they have? have not you his Houses with Crosses on them? do not you observe the

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Names that he gave to the Colledges? do not you observe the Names that he gave to dayes, tell me of whose Family are you; there is a stop between the Pope and the Apostles, and you both; but you and the Pope having had both the sheeps cloathing, and the Wolf covered with it, and you, and he, and them his Company, are all the wrastlers against flesh and blood, instead of bringing the Creatures into the liberty of the sons of God, instead of destroying the power that captivates the Creature and causes the enmity amongst Creatures, destroying the creatures that be contrary minded to you, and so that is the Popes spirit indeed, and differs not a whit from it, and so in that you are his successors, but it is not the Apostles spirit, so your Ministry, and spirit, and the Popes, is quite another than the Apostles, who wrastled not against flesh and blood, but against the powers, and spiritual wickednesses, so here is your spirits and the Popes tryed, and found to be in the Apostacy.

Querie 13. And how would you have done to have kept your Sermons in your memory, had not the Bible been turned into Chapters and Verses 450 years ago, and was it not the Pope and such as belonged to him, that turned it into Chapters and Verses, and so have not you and the Pope been upon one border, having had the Sheeps cloathing; but neither you nor he can endure to hear talk of the light within men, the annointing within men to teach them, Christ within them, the Spirit within to lead them, the Word within to be obeyed, that which may be known of God made manifest in them, to come to, before they retain God in their knowledge, or retain his Covenant; now this with you is called *non sense* and *rhymsies*, which was the pure Doctrine of the Apostles, before your and the Popes apostacy, with which pure Doctrine you and the Pope are fathomed and comprehended, to which pure Doctrine people are now come, and what you ravened from, and what you went from (to that which they and you) and ravened from, who are burst into Names, and Sects, and Heaps, wanting the inside, the life amongst you, having the outside the sheeps cloathing, wrastling against flesh and blood, destroying one another about your Worship, Teachings, Ministry maintenance, yea, as I said before, prisoning to death

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for your Bellies; Now may not all see whether you be not inwardly ravening Wolves, so have ravened from the Spirit, the Pope and you in which is the Unity, which the Scriptures were given forth from, which is the bond of peace, which the Apostles were in, so to that which you and the Pope went from, is people now coming, and come, with the same they see you, comprehend you, and fathom you; where the Apostates and Pope, and you left, is now people come, and to that must come, if they come into Unity, if they come to be succeeders of the Apostles; Glory to the Lord for ever, the Way is found, the Key is found, but not in the Popes hand, nor yours, as the manifestation is shewed to the whole world, preached on the house top, by prisons, by inquisitions, yea, by prisoning to death for your Bellies, and prisoning for your Bellies, and summoning people up and down, from Sizes, to Sessions, and Courts, for your Bellies, and destroying one another about the Prophets, Christ's, and the Apostles words, and burst into Names, Heaps, Sects, Heads, about them, so this doth shew, That neither you nor the Pope, nor any of his adherers, nor Apostates since the Apostles, have had the Key, but the Key has been taken away from people by them that went from the Apostles, which inwardly ravened; but the Key is found, your first going out is opened, and the Apostates and apostacy seen, and your garments are turned up, and your Wolf is seen, and your Grand-father the Pope seen, and you have kept the Sheeps cloathing the outside, and have been fighting with one another about *; so the way to break off from Popery is to come to that which the Pope, and his adherents, and Apostates went from, which they ravened from, that went from the Apostles, and then destroy his image, root out his Name from amongst you, and his marks, and receive them not, call not your dayes by his naming, and own not him to be your Teacher, the Pope, deny his Doctrine, and deny Heathenish practises, customs, deny the Heathen to teach you to call your Months, and your Week-dayes; deny the Pope to teach you to name your Colledges, as St. *Peters*, St. *Johns*, *Trinities*, *&c.* and deny the Popes Orders amongst your Teachers that are made Teachers at your Colledges, if you will be called not the successors of the Pope, and will have Popery broken down amongst

amongst you, and break down your Glasses which you have preached and read your Sermons by, by the hour, like Sayers of the Masse, and so have been the limiters of the holy One, and quenchers of the Spirit, none must speak in the time of his Glasse, here is popish like; and did not the true Apostle say, *You may all speak One by One?* If any thing be revealed to another that sits by, let the first hold his peace, is not this confusion amongst you, and sets you all in confusion and disorder? Are you the successors of the Apostles, their Church, and Ministry; nay, you are declared to be Apostates from them; your Goals, Prisons, declare it: Again, If you will have Popery down, and the smell of it out of the Land, down with your Papists houses with Crosses on the ends of them, your Steeple-houses, called Churches, and your Pulpits, and your Tythes, and your Offerings, and your Gleab-lands, away with them, come out of the Earth, and abroad in the Nations, preach the Gospel without Bag; *Judas* the betrayer was of the Ministry that carried the Bag; the succession of the Apostles was turned against by the Apostates, them that inwardly ravened and rent forth from the Apostles, and so turned against them that kept the testimony of Jesus the Spirit of Prophesie; who have long ravened up and down, and raigned in the world; but the Saints and the Lamb shall overcome them, and the everlasting Gospel shall be preached to them that dwell upon the Earth, and the holy Prophets shall rejoyce over her, which went forth from the Apostles, which made War against the Saints, that turned against the Saints, which the Saints and the Lamb shall again overcome, and the everlasting Gospel be preached; And is it not said, The blood of the Martyrs, the blood of the Saints, the blood of the Prophets, which the Whore, the Beast, and the false Prophets has slain, they have drunk, and made themselves drunk with it; and are not you of them that persecute to death, that Prison to death the Saints, because they cannot give you Tythes; and have not you prisoned to death many, persecuted to death many in this Nation, spilt the blood of many in this Nation, of the Saints, prisoned to death in *York*, prisoned to death in *Durham*, prisoned to death in *Norwich*, prisoned to death in *Lancaster*, prisoned to death in *Colchester*, prisoned in

Appleby till a little before death, and in *Briſtol* there priſoned till carried out in a Basket, beaten, and bruiſed, and bloodſhed, and will not the bloud of the innocent cover you, and many in the Nation lyes in priſon; how can you ſay, you are the Apoſtles ſucceſſors, think you the Lord will not avenge himſelf of you, for the bloud of his Saints, for the bloud of his prophets, and many beaten and bruiſed by you in your Steeple-houſes, and not long lived after; and have not more of the Saints been priſoned by you, and for you, in this Nation within theſe four or five years laſt paſt, then was in all Queen *Maries* dayes, and ever ſince by Papiſts and Biſhops?

Querie 14. Where did the Apoſtles, the true Church, ſet ſome dayes apart to eat Fiſh, and not other Fleſh, as many of your people does on the dayes you call *Wedneſdayes*, and *Fridayes*, and to obſerve *Chriſtmaſs*, *Eaſter*, *Whitſontide*, calling them *Feaſtival times*, and making abundance of proviſion, deſtroying the Creatures, uſing Gaming, Dancing, diſguiſing themſelves, and play dayes; when and where by Cards, Dice, Shovel board, Drinking, much filthineſſe is committed, and abominable practiſes; where did the Apoſtles or Saints any ſuch things, practiſe, or obſerve *Shrove-tueſday*, *Good-friday*, *Alhollow day*; is not the Pope the Father of all ſuch as obſerve theſe; they follow his Doctrine, and do not you all hold up his Doctrine, power, and authority, that holds up St. *Michaels day*, St. *Andrews day*, St. *Matthews day*, St. *Marks day*, St. *Maries day*, *Chriſtmaſs day*, *Whitſontide*, *Eaſter*, your *Feaſt dayes*, and *Faſt* the *Evens* of them, and *Holy Thurſday*, and has not the Pope been your Teacher; where did *Peter*, or *Paul*, or any of the Apoſtles ſet up *Stevens day* before their deceaſe, or *John Baptiſts day*, or any of the Saints dayes that were ſlain before their deceaſe, or command that any ſhould obſerve their dayes after them, ſhew it by the Scripture, or elſe acknowledge you have kept the people in ignorance, and have held up the *Popes* Doctrine, and yet would ſeem to deny him; and yet his foundation is ſtanding, and you have laid no other; now how can you take the Oath of *Abjuration*, and the foundation of Popery yet ſtanding amongſt you, and you have built upon it from generation to generation,

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generation, and have not openly declared against it, but kept people in ignorance: and thus has people been kept and nursed up in Superstition and Idolatry by such as you that have served your bellies, and speak against the Pope in words, while his foundation is lying amongst you; this is the worst of mens conditions, to speak against men behind their backs, but make use of their wisdom, doctrine, and understanding for their ends, for their ease; Come search the Scriptures, and see if ever there were such things amongst the Apostles, and see how far you are from the Apostles, and how near of kin to the Pope; do you think that all your works shall not be brought to judgement?

Queris 15. And how differ you from the Papists, and the Pope, who say the Spirit is in the Sacrament as you call it; and the Pope saith, its his body after consecration; and what is it that you have your priests and Teachers in *England*, which is not from the Pope? and what foundation have you to stand upon, but what he has laid in all your practice; as your making Ministers by Colledges as he did and doth, and your Orders and degrees from him, and sprinkling Infants from him, and your singing *Davids Conditions* in *Meetre* from him, your Tythes and Maintenance from him, and your Churches from him, and your Bells from him; and have not you many old popish and heathenish books, which your children read, and are taught in; and do not you set a cross before their *A. B. C.* calling it Christs cross, and so begin to train them up in popery as soon as they can speak, train them up with old Popish books, and way of Learning, and then send them to the papists Colledge till they be fit to go to the popish-house to get their living; are not your daies named by the *Pope*, and your observing of times from the *Pope*, and the names of your Colledges from the *Pope*, and the names of your Steeple-houses from him, and the names of your week-daies and months left to you by the *Pope*, your praying before and after Sermon left to you by the *Pope*, and your preaching by hour-glasses, and your taking Texts, and your *Clerks* to say, *Amen*, and your Ringing so many times; and the setting of your Steeple-houses east and west, and your churching of Women from him, and your Marrying, and your

716 serving so long at Colledges before you be made Ministers from the *Pope*, your wearing long Robes, and black cloaths, and your being called of men Master, seeing Christ said, *Be not ye called of men Master*, and your Pulpit set in the highest place of the Assemblies from the Pope; and was not he him that laid this foundation for you, upon which you stand? and how can you take the Oath of Abjuration when your heads are covered with Popery? the Cross stands over your houses, over your heads; was not your Steeple-houses from the Pope; and your swearing from the Pope, seeing Christ saith, *Swear not at all*; is not all your burying your people in that which hath been called hallowed ground from the Pope? and your praying with two caps on your heads, and preaching, and yet saying, if a man have a hat on, he is covered. Is not your Tythes, Easter-reckonings, Midsummer-dues, Oblations, Obventions, Mortuaries, all from the Pope, and did not he lay this foundation? and have not you built on it? and are not you building on it yet? and was this the foundation of the Apostles, or the Saints before their decease, or the apostates from them? who built all your Parsonage-houses, and gave you all your Gleab-lands, and the Tenths of all mens labours; and who set up First-fruits, and Tenths, but the Pope, since the dayes of the apostacy from the Apostles? did not he claim them as his wages; and if you have denied the Pope and his work, why do you still pay his wages, and take it? how many hundred thousand pounds a year is gotten in this Nation by you that make a trade of the Scriptures, whose foundation in so doing was never from the Apostles, nor those that gave forth the Scriptures, but from the Pope, and those that are apostated from the Apostles. Now are not the hidden things of popery brought to light, and ripped up as the hidden things of *Esau* was in the time of old; now are not the Hypocrites seen, that cry against the Pope in words, and stands upon their foundation which is laid; was not the Pope the beginner of your Organs, and all manner of Musick since the dayes of the Apostles, had the Apostles and Saints Organs amongst them, and so many sorts of Musick before their Decease; yea but if you do say, we have laid aside Surplus, and we have laid aside Tippet and Rails,

Rails, and Altar, and signing Children with the Cross, and Godfathers, and Marrying with the Ring, and we have laid away our Organs in many places, and the Crosses that were upon our Steeple-houses, and in the Yards and high-waies are pulled down, and some of our May-poles are thrown down, and some of us do not observe Lent, nor eat Fish on *Fridaies*, nor read the Common-prayer-book taken out of the Mass, nor read over the dead body at Buryings, oh deceit; who plucked down these things? how cryed you against these things, before the Sword of the Magistrate and the Souldiers broke your Pictures out of your windows, and threw some of your Crosses down, and the rest stands, and its said they do no hurt; when do you go up and trample down popery, and throw the Cross off your Steeple-house, and you say they that are in the high-way are for marks; oh deceit! why cannot you set up posts if you will have marks; and had the Magistrate but been faithful when he was beginning to throw down your Cross, he would have let never a one stood in *England*, and have hurled them down in other Nations.

Querie 16. You Magistrates, when gave you the Priests the Oath of Abjuration to renounce Popery? or when took they it that has the Popish House with the Popish Cross on the end of it which they preach in, and Papish pictures in the windows, and Bells to call them together, & Popish names to their Houses, as *St. Maries, St. Johns, St. Peters, St Pauls*, and calls their Colledges by the names of the Saints which the Papists gave them; when did the Priests renounce these names; when did the Priests renounce the Crosses on the Steeple-house-ends; and how is it so many of them stand on the Steeple house end yet, and pictures in the windows; and how is it that they call their dayes by the names the Pope gave to them, and Houses, and Colledges; and when took these the Oath of Abjuration, or when was it to them proffered to renounce Popery; when was the Oath of Abjuration put to those that have their Tythes, Easter-Reckonings, Midsummer-dues, Obventions, Oblations, Mortuaries, who was the first Layer, the foundation of all this, but the Pope, and how can they renounce him and keep them. Now if you do say you have left off Mass, though the Cross

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ſtands upon many of your Houſes-ends yet, and your houſes be called by the Popiſh names; and ye have your Eaſter-Reckonings, and Midſummer dues, and your Tythes, and Gleab lands, which was the Popes maintenance that he allowed, and he laid forth, as having no other, nor can tell how to get any other; how can ye take his wages then, and will not do his work: was not the wages then given to him that did the work, that ſaid the Maſs; when took you the Oath of Abjuration that take this wages; when did the Apoſtle ſet up Midſummer-dues, and Tythes, and Temples with Croſſes; are not you ſheltered under this, and covered with popery, when renounced you all theſe things, anſwer. And ſeeing that you take the wages that the Pope ſet forth, your Eaſter-reckonings, Tythes, Gleab-Lands, Midſummer dues, that ye hold up the maintenance, and not do the work; would ye not do the work, ſay the Maſs if that it ſhould be put upon you, ſeeing you take the wages that did the work, who dares truſt you; and is it honeſt to take the wages, and not do the work; when did you ever renoune or forſake any of the Popiſh doctrines, practiſes or ſuperſtitions, but as the Magiſtrate laid them off, and caſt them off.

Querie 17. And where had the Apoſtle a Clerk to ſay Amen, and he muſt have his Wages, and if the People would not give it, then he ſued them and ſtrained their goods, as your Clerks do, who take the goods of ſuch as be not of the Church nor of the Congregation.

Querie 18. Where did ever the Apoſtles Sue any for Money, or hale any before Courts for Money, that was not of their Church, or any that was of their Church? Where did ever the Apoſtles put any in priſon for Money, for Tythes, that was not of their Church, or that was of their Church?

Querie 19. When the firſt Prieſthood fell, did not the Tyths fall with it, and the Maintenance that belonged to it, when the everlaſting Prieſthood came in, and the everlaſting Goſpel, they that preached it, lived of it; did the Apoſtles tell the Jews, that though their Prieſthood was changed, the Maintenance was ſtill to continue, or did they take or require it of them? So when the Popes work fals, muſt not his Maintenance fall that he gave for doing his work, and is it honeſt for any to take the one that will not do the other? *Que-*

Querie 20. You that say you are Ministers of Christ, and watch for the soul, what is the soul that you watch for, and what is Conscience?

Querie 21. You that say Propheſie is ceaſed, does not *John* bid the holy Prophets rejoyce over the Beaſt and falſe Prophets, and Mother of Harlots; how differ you here from *John*, he bids them rejoyce, and you say they are ceaſed; do not you here ſhew your Apoſtacy from *Johns* Doctrine: and the Scripture ſaith, the *ſecrets of the Lord are revealed to them that fear him*, and you ſay that Revealation is ceaſed; Now had you ſaid, that men had been ceaſed from fearing the Lord, then you might have ſaid, Revealation had been ceaſed better; but upon ſuch the wrath is revealed, and the righteous judgment of God will be revealed, and then you ſhall know that revealation is not ceaſed, and that the Lord does reveal his ſecrets to them that fears him, and upon them that holds his truth in unrighteouſneſs, and fears not God, he will reveal his righteous judgments.

Querie 22. What are you but like a company of Readers of Maſs, or Readers of Common-prayers, who have many of you gotten your Sermons written in papers, and the old Fathers Expoſitions of Scripture, and ſome of you can carry them a little longer in your memory, it may be as long as an Hour-glaſs will run; and how can you be called any other but Readers of Authors, when you will ſay you never heard the voice of God, nor have the ſame ſpirit as they had who gave forth the Scriptures, as you do publiſh to all the Nation; now here you may all ſee, what a garment you wear and have worn; Now be not angry becauſe we would have you to put off your garments, which the Pope made for you, and to put on the garments of Chriſt, which the Apoſtles and Saints wore before the apoſtacy, which thouſands are now come to, and coming, glory to the Lord God for ever, whoſe dominion is over all dominions, and Kingdom over all Kingdoms, whoſe Scepter is holden forth to all Nations, and his pearle is found amongſt his People, with whom is his right hand.

You give forth your oath of Abjuration to deny Tranſubſtantiation in the Sacrament, and images, and the Pope and his power, to them that are come to that which was before the

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the Pope came up, which the Apostles were in, and deny the Pope and his Sacraments, and his Bread and Wine, and Transubstantiation, and his Images, and his Tythes, and his Pulpit, and his Crosses, & his Names, & his Purgatory, & his names to his Steeple-houses, to his Colledges, & to his dayes, and his *Easter*-reckonings, and *Midsummer* dues, and his Clerk and his Wages, & his Gleab-lands, and his Worshiping of Names and Images, and dropping of Beads, and his Steeple-houses and Crosses on the ends of them, and his Colledges he makes Ministers by, and do witness Christ the substance, and God who makes Ministers by his Will, and to such you are tendring your oath of Abjuration, that cannot swear, but abide in Christs Commands, and are come to that which was before the apostacy, so to such as you know cannot swear, that be in the Covenant of God Christ Jesus, in which they have peace with God, and witnesses the substance of all Types, Figures, Shadows, Similitudes, and see where there is no changing nor shadow; and to such you are giving your oath of Abjuration, to deny your Transubstantiation in the Sacrament; who deny all your Sacraments, and all that practise them, the Pope and his followers, for the Pope ye know, and the Jesuits and Papists will swear for their own ends, but we deny all Religions upon earth that stands in swearing, and do not own them, but see them standing in the apostacy, and do witness the Religion that is out of Oaths. Now if you say, *Abraham* swore, and *David* swore, and the Prophets & Priests swore; Christ before *Abraham* was, a greater than *Solomon*; & *David* called him Lord; the end of Priests & Prophets said, *Swear not at all*, who reigns over the house of *Jacob*, and *Joseph*. And do you not say men in strife swear, they that are in strife are out of the doctrine of Christ; and if you say the Angels swore, the Angels must worship him, who saith, *Swear not at all*; and the Apostle saith, *My Brethren, above all swear not, neither by Heaven, nor by earth, nor by any other Oath*; and who does, are in the apostacy.

Have not all these things been set up since the Apostles that be amongst you, and the Papists, that deny the Light that hath enlightned every one that comes into the world, by which the world was made: natural lights, made lights, created lights,

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were made by him that came a light into the world, and enlightens every one that comes into the world, that all men through him might believe, and he that believes not, the light is his condemation, and he is condemned already, *For this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men love darkneſs rather than light, becauſe their deeds be evill*; with which light we ſee before the apoſtacy was, before Pope was, and all that are ſprung from him, the many heads, and names, and horns, which light fathoms and comprehends them all.

From the Pope and his Poſterity are we come to that which he and his Poſterity went from, with which we reign over the world, which will make him, and all his Poſterity, and all the Heathen upon the earth to tremble, who are called QUAKERS.

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HEre is ſcarcely any thing to be looked upon in this Nation, but the Pope is the Author of it; for I have looked upon your Steeple-houſes, and there beheld abundance of Munkiſh faces, pictures, and images, and a Croſſe on the top of the Steeple-houſes, and the Popes Croſſe is upon your half Crowns, ſix pences, and ſhillings, and upon your Gold and ſilver: but Oh ſaith the Profeſſors and Prieſts, we have no Popery amongſt us, and we cannot endure the Popes image, and yet ſtamps it upon your ſilver, and upon your Gold, and look upon your Weights and Meaſures, which is not tollerated until the Popes image, the Croſſe, be ſtamped upon them; you muſt not Buy nor Sell until the Popes image be upon your Weights, upon your Meaſures; and are not you aſhamed to pluck down Croſſes in ſome places, and yet carry them up and down in your Pockets, and purſes, the Popes image, the Croſſe, and is not the Croſſe the Arms of *England*, and *London*, and is not the Popes image, the Croſſe, a top of your Steeple-houſes, which you call your Churches, and ſo the Popes image you have ſet up a top of your Church, is not the Croſſe ſtill ſtanding, and upon your Ships, is not the Croſſe upon your ſilver, upon your Gold, upon your Weights and Meaſures; and was not the Author of all theſe Croſſes the Pope, ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, who ſaid *the Croſſe of Chriſt is the power of God*, and is not the power of God, the arm of the Lord, by which he doth mighty acts to Rule Nations withal? And is not the Arms of *Scotland* called Saint *Andrews Croſſe*, and is not the Seal of *Ireland* the Harp and Croſſe,

Crosse, the Arms of *England* and *Scotland* the Crosse, and your Buying and Selling Weights and Measures is by the Cross, and Steeple houses, and ships with the Crosse on the top of them, a top of your Gold and silver, the Popes Crosse is; even upon your Bibles, both new and old Translations, there you may find the Popes image, the Crosse, almost upon every thing? Is not the Crosse a top of the *Mace* that is carried to the Parliament House, and is not the crosse pictured in the Parliament House, and how many of them called Knights, Lords, and Gentlemen that bears their Crosses in that which you call your Sheilds, or Arms, or Escutcheon, and fight for it, and kill one another for it, and spend many thousand pounds for it; and is not the Pope the Supream Author, the first beginner of them since the dayes of the Apostles, of all these Crosses; and upon almost all your signes in the City the Crosse is set up, in Taverns, Inns, and Alehouses, and other bad Houses hath their Crosse upon their signs, and many Water-men wears the Popes Crosse upon their Breasts, which is neer unto their hearts; and the Pope is glad of these things, that his Crosse should be so much affected and set up for the Arms of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, Crosses almost in every place, and is not the Popes Crosse upon the Arms of *London*, your chief City; is not the Crosse upon the very City *Mace*, and is not the Popes Crosse upon your Ships, and upon your Gold, and Silver, Weights and Measures, ye set the Popes Crosses upon your signs, upon your selves, upon your Escutcheons, ye set the Popes Crosse upon your Crowns, upon your Coaches, upon your Watermens Badges you may find the Popes image, the crosse; and doth not the Porters carry the crosse hanging about their Girdles; and do not your Carmen carry the crosse in a little piece of Wood up and down the City in a Cart, the Popes red Crosse rides up and down in the Cart; and is not all your Swords, Knives, Cannons, and instruments of War stampt with the Popes crosse, all that are made in this City: And you set the Popes crosse upon the Broad Seal of *England*, and was not the Pope supream Author of all these crosses: And how long is it since you left sprinkling your Children with

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now if we own the Popes Authority which is called ſupream, we ſhould own his croſſes; but we that are come to the Apoſtles, deny the Popes croſſe, and witneſſe the power of God, the croſſe of Cheiſt, ſo root out all the Popes croſſes out of the Land and Nations, and let not the Popes croſſe ſtand amongſt you, and come to the power of God, the croſſe of Chriſt, that you may have another wiſdom beyond the Popes to order things withal, and throw out his works, for the croſſe was the Popes work, for that was ſet up by his wiſdom, and few of them yet plucked down, and ye have an underſtanding, to give ſignifications to things, that we may know them by, without the croſſe, for the Pope is glad as long as you keep his croſſes upon your Seals, upon your Maces, upon your Gates of your City, upon your Steeple-houſes end, upon moſt part of your Signes, Ships, Badges, Conduits, Bibles, Flags, Colours; the Pope is glad as long as you have his image, the croſſe, ſet upon all theſe things, which have had a great authority; therefore ſweep it out of the Land with the power of God, which is the croſſe of Chriſt, that is the word of the Lord unto you.

From the Seed of God, *called* Quakers.

Poſtſcript.

Postscript.

HEre all may see how they have been out of the power of God, which the Apostles were in, which power is the Cross of Christ, 1 Cor. 1.18. *and how since people have been Apostated from it.*

And how the Pope hath spread his Authority abroad, and set up his Crosses, which the Apostates from the power of God *was the first Author of them, who apostated from the power of the Cross of Christ, apostated from* God, *and set up wooden Crosses, and stone Crosses, just like the Heathen when they went from the life of* God, *they set up Images; but now with the power of* God *the Cross of Christ, are all these Apostates seen, and the setters up of those wooden crosses, and stone crosses, the founder of them is found out, and with the power of the Lord must be confounded which went forth from the power of* God *in the dark, and by the usurped authority upon most of the*

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things set up and stamped, their outward carnal crosses, and carnal images, and so out of the image of God, *the power of* God, *the Cross of Christ, with it you must be all confounded, both crosses, images, and founder of them, but the life and power of* God *is risen which the Apostles were in before the apostates, which the people called Quakers are come into that.*

And here is likewise some Queries for all Professors and Teachers, that they may give an account of them, for people in general would be satisfied: therefore it doth concern Teachers and Priests to answer, and give a publick account of them to the people, that all may see from what stock and root they come.

For these things the people have long stumbled at, and look that the Priest should give satisfaction concerning these things, which if no answer, the people may conclude them apostates from the Apostles, which sees the day most of these things have got up.

From a Lover of Truth, and Righteousness, and Peace, that it may be established upon the house-top.

FINIS.